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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for filing an Appeal Brief pursuant to Appellants' Notice of Appeal received by the Patent Office on April 6, 2005, be extended for five months to and including November 6, 2005.

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